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Re: Scientific Chemical Processing ("SCP") Superfund Site -- Interest in Participating in the <u>De Minimis</u> Settlement on behalf of Penetone/Amerace Corporation

Dear Ms. Cristiano:

In January 1996, Amerace Corporation ("Amerace") became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thomas & Betts Corporation ("Thomas & Betts"). From July 31, 1963 until February 26, 1976, Amerace owned and operated The Penetone Company as its Penetone Division ("Penetone"). Based on information provided to Amerace by the SCP Site PRP Group (the "PRP Group"), it appears that the Penetone Division of Amerace generated waste that may have been (but is not known to have been) transported to the SCP Site.

According to the PRP Group's analysis of the "waste in" information for the Penetone Division of Amerace, Penetone generated 5,325 gallons of waste which may have been transported (but is not known to have been transported) to the SCP Site. (See attached copies of North Jersey Refining Company, Inc. Invoices dated October 29, 1965 (allocated as 4,500 gallons of methylene chloride) and October 11, 1965 (allocated as 825 gallons of trichloroethylene)). According to the PRP Group, Amerace/Penetone is being provided an opportunity to enter into a de minimis settlement based on an alleged contribution of 2,662.50 gallons (50% of the waste with an unknown destination).



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This letter is an expression of interest by Thomas & Betts, on behalf of Amerace/Penetone, to enter into a <u>de minimis</u> settlement based on the above. The settlement should be in the name of both Amerace and Penetone. Of course, nothing set forth in this letter shall be deemed an admission of any type of liability by Thomas & Betts or Amerace/Penetone, and the contents of this letter shall be treated as a confidential settlement document and shall not be admissible in any legal proceeding.

Please forward relevant information to me concerning the <u>de minimis</u> settlement when available. Please do not hesitate to call me should you have questions or require any additional information.

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